

Human Rights Commission Special Meeting September 24, 2020, 6:45 PM

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Draft Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mitoma called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Daggot, Evans, Lapuk, Lorenz, Mitoma, Nocton, Vaughan.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Evans **moved** and Ms. Lapuk seconded the approval of the August 19, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Motion **passed** unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Rules

Ms. Nocton **moved** and Ms. Daggot seconded to adopt the Democratic Rules of Order. Motion **passed** by consensus.

B. Meeting Schedule

A meeting schedule was set up for the rest of the year. The schedule will be as follows (unless livestream is otherwise occupied):

- Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6pm
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6pm
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6pm

Ms. Fried entered the meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Communications

Commission Members briefly discussed outgoing and incoming communication initiatives. This will be further discussed and addressed by a Communications Subcommittee to be formed later in the meeting.

B. Website

Commission Members briefly discussed adding information to the Human Rights Commission webpage on the Town of Mansfield website. This will be further discussed and content will be regulated by a Communications Subcommittee to be formed later in the meeting.

C. Recommendations to the Town Council

Commission Members briefly discussed the charge and task of establishing recognition for the emancipation of slavery which was given to the Human Rights Commission by the Town Council. The charge will further be discussed and addressed by a subcommittee to be formed later in the meeting.

D. Outreach and Engagement

Commission Members reiterated the necessity to engage with the community and have communication flow both ways. Commission Members briefly discussed outreach to others organizations and towns in Eastern Connecticut, as well as our local community.

E. Creation of Subcommittees

Ms. Fried **moved** and Ms. Evans seconded to create three subcommittees. The Communications Subcommittee, members including Ms. Nocton, Ms. Daggot, and Ms. Lapuk, the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, members including Ms. Fried, Ms. Vaughn, and Mr. Mitoma, and Town Charge Subcommittee members including Ms. Evans, Ms. Lorenz, and Mr. Mitoma. Motion **passed** by consensus.

F. Health Equity Solutions: Racism as Public Health Crisis

Commission Members discussed briefly discussed the article. Commission members agreed on consensus to table this discussion until the next meeting.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Evans **moved** and Ms. Fried seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Motion **passed** unanimously.